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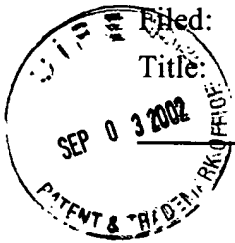
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The restriction requirement dated July 23, 2002, stated that the application contained claims directed to four patentably distinct species (I - IV). Applicant respectfully submits that Figures 1 - 5 (species I and II) describe a single embodiment of the claimed invention. For this reason, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute species I and II (Figures 1 - 5) and respectfully submits that claims 1 - 19 and 42 - 44 read thereon. Furthermore, Applicant submits that claims 1, 11, 16 and 42 are generic.

Applicant cancels claims 10 - 41 and 45 - 48 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a divisional application at a later date.

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It is submitted that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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